

# Focus on Fifth

Weekly News for Holmes Fifth-Grade Families

News and Events in the 5th Grade

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## Important Dates

Feb. 25 - Mar 22	One School, One Book - <u><a href="#">The Lemonade Wars</a></u>
Feb. 26	School Store at Lunch
March 1	Variables Unit Test
March 4 - 8	ISAT Testing
March 5	IB Middle Years Information Night - Brooks Middle School at 7:00pm
March 8	Spring Auction at O'Sullivan's in Forest Park at 6:30
March 11-15	P.A.C.K. Week
March 19	Science Fair
March 22	Student-Staff Basketball Game (Guilder Activity)
Mar 25 - Mar 29	Spring Break

**Dear Families,**

## One School, One Book

We have now met brother and sister pair, Evan and Jessie Treski in "The Lemonade War." In Chapter 1 we can tell that Evan is "in a slump?" How exactly does he feel and how can you tell? What thoughts, words and actions show how he's feeling? Do you have an idea about why he's feeling this way? Read on to find out if your idea is right!

## International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program Info Night

Brooks Middle School Auditorium      March 5, 7:00-8:00 PM

All of the current fifth grade parents/guardians from the Brooks Middle School feeder schools (Holmes, Whittier, Lincoln and Hatch) are invited to attend a brief presentation about how the implementation of the International Baccalaureate (IB) program will enhance the educational experience for Brooks Middle School students.

## P.A.C.K Week (March 11 - 15)

### **Monday, March 11th: Pack Green Day**

Green grapes, celery sticks, green pepper, snow peas, sugar snap peas or broccoli florets

### **Tuesday, March 12th: Pack White Day**

White, tan and brown fruits and veggies make up this color category.

bananas, white peach, pear, cauliflower florets

### **Wednesday, March 13th: Pack Yellow/Orange Day**

orange, baby carrots, nectarines, peaches or pineapple chunks, dried apricots.

### **Thursday, March 14th: Pack Purple Day**

Did you know that only 3% of fruit and veggie consumption is from the purple/blue category?

Yet, these fruits and veggies provide natural plant nutrients not found in other colors.

Raisins, plums, blueberries, blackberries

### **Friday, March 15th: Pack Red Day**

Red fruits and vegetables are a cheery addition to the lunchbox.

## SPECIAL AREA SUBJECTS

**Art** - 5th graders are sculpting the United States president they researched in Social Studies class. We will be working in clay and studying proportions found in presidential portraits. Our presidents will be three-dimensional and feature details from head to toe. Stay tuned into [www.http://owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com](http://owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com) for pictures of works in progress.

**Music** - [Check out the website!](#) We are starting our big Theme and Variations project this week. Students will learn to play the theme of the assignment on the recorder and then create their own variations by changing different musical aspects of the piece. Each student will have their own packet for this assignment. Details on the due date and lunchtime work sessions to come!

**Chorus** - Your child will be getting a form on Monday about chorus T-shirts and a chorus performance for a Chicago Wolves game. It is essential that we find out how many children are performing for the Wolves game as soon as possible so please fill out the information and return it to Mrs. Karia this week or email her at [akaria@op97.org](mailto:akaria@op97.org). The ticket money will be due by 3/6. Tickets are \$15.50 each (cash or check to A. Karia)

We will be singing "Don't Stop Believing" at the game.

Click here for the karaoke track:

[Don't Stop Believing Audio](#)

And here for the lyrics"

[Don't Stop Lyrics](#)

**Spanish** - Last week students had fun watching each class' interpretation of the story. All classes acted out the story several times and recorded it with the ipods. This week we will be taking an oral and written quiz on the story. Students can still read the story for 10 puntos on the website at : <http://www.mpoleski.blogspot.com/>

**Library** - For more on library happenings, please keep up with us on the library home page (<http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/>).

**Physical Education** - Please see Mr. Williams' link ([www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com](http://www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com)) for information.

### Reading/Literature

This week we will continue our novel study on Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes. Students have chosen their own historical fiction books to read as we focus on comparing and contrasting texts within the same genre. Students will also be practicing writing extended responses.

### Language Arts

This week in language arts we will teach lessons on keyboarding/computer skills, as well as give students time to practice their typing in class.

### Math

Graded Unit 9 tests will be returned by the middle of the week. Please review the test with your child, sign the self-assessment and have your child return it to school. This week, we will be taking practice ISAT tests. We are using calculators on a daily basis in math class. It is important that your child brings his/her calculator to math class every day. TI-15 calculators are still available for purchase from the school at a cost of \$16.

### Science

In science this week, we will welcome our Science Alliance scientists, Dr. Hines, Dr. Gonzalez, and Dr. Shafiro. We will review our variables unit and prepare students for the unit test this Friday. Please be sure to check in with your student about his or her science fair project. The experiments

should be well underway at home, with students collecting data.

### **Social Studies**

This week during our Social Studies time, we will be discussing ISATs and test-taking strategies, as well as completing two timed, practice assessments. After ISATs we will continue on with our American Revolution Unit.

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